

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

January 18, 2018

8:30 AM

*Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703*

*Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (11/16/2017)
Welcome to LEPC Members and Visitors
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Self-introductions*

New Business

*Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2017
Our Website: <http://co.sangamon.il.us/departments/m-r/office-of-emergency-management/sangamon-valley-lepc>
2017 Tier 2 Reports must be filed by March 1
Community Health Needs Assessment: https://uisits.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvcrJOnhUgsmjUV*

Old Business

*SFD Planning Update for Hazardous Materials
Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study (CFS)
Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant thru June 30, 2018
After June 30, 2018
Winnebago County LEPC Conference to be held on April 17 – 18, 2018
Hazardous Materials Remediation at Pillsbury Mills*

Other Business

*Public Comment
Around the Room
Next Meeting: March 15, 2018, at Office of the State Fire Marshal
Motion to Adjourn*

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – January 18, 2018

Call to Order – The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am, at the State Fire Marshal's Office Auditorium, 1035 Aldai Stevenson Drive, Springfield IL 62703.

There was a quorum with 17 members present: Katie Bates, Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center; Jamie Beaver, American Red Cross (ARC); John Brennan, Village of Williamsville; David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital; Joe Crowe, Athens Fire Department; Roger Cruse, Ameren; Tracy Garrison, Springfield County GIS; Katrina Hays, United Way of Central Illinois; Brian Hollencamp, Menard County GIS; Shannan Karrick, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission; Jason LeMar, Menard County Assessor; Justin Olson, City Water, Light and Power; Chris Richmond, Springfield Fire Department (SFD); Steve Schoeffel, Sangamon Mass Transit District; Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health; and Roger Whitaker, Sangamon Valley Radio Club.

Approval of the Minutes – Minutes from the LEPC meeting of November 16, 2017, were distributed via email prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Brian Churchill, seconded by Katie Bates and approved unanimously to accept these minutes.

Welcome – A sign-in sheet was circulated. Self-introductions were made. Three visitors were present: Lori Canterbury and Adnan Khayyat, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Greg Michaud, American Environmental Corporation (AEC). All were welcomed.

New Business

Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2017 – The Chair distributed a draft of the annual summary with our meeting notice. He thanked those present for their consistent attendance at our meetings, explaining how a quorum is determined with the 12 categories that are established for membership. Chris discussed the importance of the Firefighting category in our makeup is because of the regional hazardous material response team that SFD provides. There were 4 transportation related Hazmat responses in 2017 (3-Sangamon and 1-Menard). No corrections were requested for the report. A motion was made by John Brennan, seconded by Chris Richmond and approved unanimously to approve this summary report for 2017.

Website – The URL: <http://co.sangamon.il.us/departments/m-r/office-of-emergency-management/sangamon-valley-lepc> holds our website. The approved 2017 summary report and these minutes will be posted to the website in the next day or two. The history of our LEPC is maintained on the website with meeting minutes dating to 2000 and summary reports dating to 2005 showing the depth of topics that we have pursued.

Tier 2 Reports – The Chair told the committee that 2017 Tier 2 Reports were beginning to arrive, ahead of their March 1 deadline. Last year brought us a total of 149 reports. Lori said that the year has started well for Tier 2 matters at the state level. There are new categories for safety concerns that facilities were alerted of last spring.

Community Health Needs Assessment – Hospitals and Public Health are categories for LEPC membership. The Chair asked our members to go online to https://uisits.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvcrJONhUgsmjUV and share their opinions about local concerns on non-medical factors that contribute to a person's health. The survey contains questions of some depth and he completed it in about 15 - 20 minutes.

Old Business

SFD Planning Update – Chris spoke about the many layers that are being built for the Marplot® mapping that underpin this project. Planning for Hazmat releases requires consequence analysis. Releases during transit affect a transportation corridor, what is below it, above it and all along it. Then this is multiplied by the number of major corridors that we have. Since the last LEPC meeting SFD organized a communications infrastructure meeting and has mapped hundreds of key structures supporting governmental and commercial communications. IEMA has been helpful when information was sought on key state facilities around Springfield.

Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study (CFS) – Greg told the committee that winter truck-counts were begun last week in Sangamon County. He drew a distinction between his activities around the edges of Springfield with SFD's attempts to determine how shipments of chemicals are moving within the city. While driving across town earlier this month, he spotted a truck placarded for a Flammable Liquid entering Springfield at Sangamon Avenue and followed it to ascertain its destination. The truck used N. Dirksen Parkway to move between Sangamon Ave. and Veterans Parkway. That path traveled thru a high density shopping area that would have been avoided if the truck had used the marked route for State Hwy. 29 within Springfield and traversed Peoria Road between Sangamon Ave. and Veterans Parkway. Greg spoke about the seasonality of shipments and our ability to capture this with quarterly truck-counts. Railroads present us with annual data and seasonal variations cannot be detected. We wonder if weather-impacts on the Illinois River shift Ethanol from barge to railroad, whether it be because of spring floods or winter freezes. Tracy has a close friend who pilots a tug boat on both the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. He will pass along any questions we give him to ask.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant – Our grant performance period runs thru September 30, 2019. Our allocation is for \$149K. Receipts from this grant for the first 12-month period were nearly \$49K. We have begun the process for an addendum to our contract with AEC to add a sixth truck count (for this spring) before that agreement terminates on May 31, 2018. Also in the spring, the Chair intends to make a Request for Proposal to continue the CFS during the final 15 month of the performance period.

After June 30, 2018 – After June ends, the Chair will be retired. This begins the final 15 month of the performance period. The Chair told the committee that there appears to be agreement that Sangamon County will try to hire his successor at OEM for an April 2, starting date. This would allow for election of a new Chair at our May meeting.

Winnebago County LEPC Conference – April 17-18, 2018, is set for this 12-hour training conference in Rockford that includes a TTX. Expenses for the Chair, Chris, and Jim Johnson to attend are covered by our HMEP grant. If anyone else from the LEPC has interest to attend the Chair wants to be notified in the next 30 days. He believes our grant administrator will permit re-allocation of the funds granted to us so that more attendees can be reimbursed. Diana indicated that she will be attending with funds from a Public Health grant.

Remediation at Pillsbury Mills – As we were meeting, the Illinois Times hit the newsstands with its feature story for the week: <http://illinoistimes.com/article-19583-a-mill%25E2%2580%2599s-tale.html>. As occurred in November with the daily newspaper, Chris was quoted extensively in the article about Pillsbury Mills. Chris told the committee about quiet victories that had been achieved during the USEPA's remediation at the abandoned site. Beyond Asbestos, the contractors were able to remove many chemicals that were left behind. At one time, Chlorine was used in plant production processes. Our community is fortunate that the Superfund was tapped to address this site.

Other Business

Public Comment and Around the Room – Adnan addressed the committee on how IEMA's Bureau of Radiation Safety is involved with our issues of both fixed facilities and transportation of hazardous materials. He was familiar with our LEPC activities and intends to visit again. Chris credited Jamie and ARC for its successful smoke-detector program continuing into 2018. SFD is looking forward to doing more installations, as staffing will allow. Jason has sent SFD access to new shapefiles for its mapping project and offered Greg map-type assistance for the CFS report in May.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, March 15, 2018, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. There being no further business, a motion was made by Katie Bates, seconded by Joe Crowe and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am.